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SUBJ: SECURITY CONTROLS UNDER COUNTRY-TO-COUNTRY AGREEMENTS

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1. WE ASSUME THAT STATE REFTEL REQUESTS INFORMATION ONLY ABOUT EXCESS U.S. PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY DENMARK UNDER GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS. THE ONLY SUCH AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE GRANT AID PROGRAM, EXPIRED IN 1967. PROPERTY ACQUIRED UNDER IT CANNOT BE DISPOSED OF BY DENMARK IN THIRD COUNTRIES WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAAG. NO CASES OF THIRD COUNTRY DISPOSAL HAVE YET ARISEN, BUT IF THEY SHOULD, MAAG WOULD BE ABLE TO APPLY CRITERIA LIKE THOSE MENTIONED IN PARA 1 OF REFTEL.

2. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN DANISH POLICIES REGARDING DISPOSAL OF MILITARY ITEMS ACQUIRED EITHER BY DIRECT PURCHASE FROM THE UNITED STATES OR BY PURCHASE THROUGH THE MAAG. THE FORMER WOULD BE SUBJECT TO DANISH LAW REQUIRING THAT SALES OF ARMS AND STRATEGIC COMMODITIES BE LICENSED BY THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, WHICH, ACCORDING TO MINISTRY OFFICIALS, EXERCISES STRICT CONTROL. THESE OFFICIALS STATE ALSO THAT DENMARK STRICTLY APPLIES COCOM REGULATIONS AND CRITERIA. AS FOR DANISH DISPOSALS OF GOODS PURCHASED THROUGH THE MAAG, THEY ARE GOVERNED BY FOREIGN MILITARY

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SALES AGREEMENTS WHICH REQUIRE THAT PRIOR APPROVAL BE

OBTAINED FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THAT DISPOSAL BE
SUPERVISED BY THE MAAG.
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